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Periods of work for First-grade Pandits in higher forms.

* 81 *Q.*—SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance and Education be pleased to state with reference to Starred Legislative Council Question No. 15 answered on 29th December 1953, whether Government have issued any orders relaxing the limit to the minimum number of periods of work for eligiblity to Grade I scales of pay in the case of Language Pandits?

THE HON. C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Recently permission has been granted to study Hindi as a Part II language in the higher forms and its effect is proposed to be watched."

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI :—" Sir, may I submit that the answer has no connection with the question. The question is with regard to the minimum number of periods of work for eligibility to Grade I scale of pay, namely, that they should work for 26 periods in higher forms."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, 17 hours of work has been prescribed for classification as a Grade I Pandit. We have now given permission to teach Hindi as a Part II language in the higher forms. This means that the Hindi Pandits would have some more periods of work available for them. This is the relevancy."

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI :—" Sir, may I know why the Government have not implemented the assurance given on the floor of this House that the number of periods which make the Pandits eligible for the I Grade scale of pay would be reduced? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, the assurance given was that the Government would consider the suggestion whether it would be necessary to relax the rules for the purpose of classifying these Pandits as Grade I Pandits even though they might not have 17 hours of work every week. But, we have now made provision for the teaching of Hindi as a Part II language as a result of which they are likely to have a greater number of periods of work which may make up the required 17 hours of work. We will watch the effect of this and, if necessary, we will consider the question of relaxation of the rule."

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI :—" Sir, may I know how the teaching of Hindi as a Part II language is going to increase the number of periods of work of the Tamil Pandits? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, I am answering the supplementaries only with reference to the Hindi Pandits."

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SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI :—" Sir, may I just inform the House that the rule regarding 26 periods of work is with reference to all Pandits, Tamil, Sanskrit and Hindi and with reference to Hindi Pandits this cannot apply at all even if the new rule regarding the teaching of Hindi as a Part II language is enforced? The question is with refernce to all Pandits and the assurance given was with reference to the Tamil and Sanskrit Pandits."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I thought the question referred to Hindi Pandits only. A separate question may be put with reference to other Pandits."

Opening of a High School at Beltangady, South Kanara district.

* 82 Q.—SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance and Education be pleased to state—

(a) whether any proposal was made to the Government recently by the South Kanara District Board to open a High School at Beltangady, Puttur taluk, South Kanara district;

(b) whether any objection has been raised by any High School in the near locality; and

(c) if so, what action the Government have taken in the matter?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) & (b) Yes, Sir.

" (c) The proposal for the opening of a high school at Beltangady has not been approved."

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI :—" Sir, may I know whether the proposal of the district board has been finally dropped by the Government and the representations made by the aided high school there has been taken into consideration by the Government? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, there is another high school within a distance of three and a half miles. It was therefore not considered necessary to open a high school at Beltangady especially in view of the financial position of the district board; but, we have also given sanction for the opening of a high school at Trikarpur."

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI :—" Sir, may I know the distance between Beltangady and Trikarpur? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, I want notice."

Handling of Mathematics by B.Scs. in V and VI Forms.

* 83 Q.—SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance and Education be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have issued any orders declaring in B.Scs. with Physics (Main) and Mathematics and Chemistry